

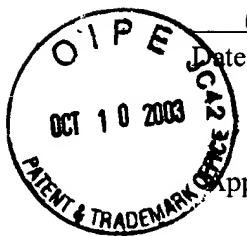
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal and  
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Attorney Docket No. : 500453.04 (29113/US/3)

Serial No. : 09/970,100

Group Art Unit : 1762

Filed : October 2, 2001

Examiner : William P. Fletcher III

Title : POLISHING PADS AND PLANARIZING MACHINES FOR MECHANICAL OR  
CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE  
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES, AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SUCH  
PADS AND MACHINES

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003 from September 23, 2003, to October 23, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$880.00, which includes \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

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**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- ☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet  
☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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